

THE LEDGER.

THURSDAY, DEC. 8, 1887.

Money to Loan

LAKENAN & BARNES, financial correspondents of Eastern capitalists, have limited capital to loan for 2 to 7 years at a low rate of interest on farms in Andra and neighboring counties. Privilege of paying part or all of loan before due. We also loan home money on very reasonable terms. If you desire a loan call on us and we will give you terms that defy competition.

LAKENAN & BARNES,
Real Estate, Loan and Insurance Agents,
MEXICO, MO.

Joe Rutter is very ill in the West block.

Miss Cora Woodland will spend the winter in Texas.

A 16-year-old daughter of Lou Clark at Martinsburg is very sick.

Our merchants have unequal large stocks of Xmas goods.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Price, a boy.

There will be a high-toned wedding in Vandalia shortly.

Dr. W. P. Hill is going to start a bank at Rush Hill. The building is done.

John Daniel, John Spotswood and party killed about fifty geese on the river last week.

John Daniel is having a lot of decoy geese made and expects to have fine sport this winter.

They are playing base ball on roller skates at Kansas City. What next?

A valuable horse belonging to W. K. Potts was killed by the Wabash cars last night.

Remember the Harvesters' entertainment Friday evening at the residence of G. D. Ferris.

The morning train on the Jefferson City Branch now carries express.

Little Bertie Corder, who has been ill of diphtheria for several days, is better.

A marriage license was issued Tuesday to J. B. Holman and Nan-nie S. Brown.

The Brunswick "gas" well is 1100 feet deep, but no gas has yet been discovered.

Geo. Williams, one of Mexico's best carpenters, has sold out and will move to St. Louis.

If the party who took a gold pen from Lawyer Edmonston's office don't return the same his name will be published.

Jay Gould's income is placed at \$1,000 per hour, not including the periodical contributions of the lambs.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr. Thurston B. Duncan, of this city to Miss Alma Crigler, of Martinsburg, on the 14th instant, at the home of the bride's parents.

Miss Sallie M. Lawhorn and Mr. H. L. Shock were married at the residence of the brides parents 11 miles west of this city on the 30th ult., by Eld. Oldham, of Columbia. The LEDGER extends congratulations.

Cards are out announcing the marriage, on the 21st instant, of Mr. W. L. Donaldson, of Kansas City, and Miss Carrie Johnson, of this city, at the residence of the bride's mother in West Mexico.

The Salamander Store-lining Company is receiving new machinery and an addition will be made to the large force of hands already employed at these works.

For several weeks past the work of remodeling the Liberty street M. E. Church has been in progress. The building is now completed, and the church is one of the best in the State. It was formally reopened Monday.

J. W. Atchison, of this city, conducted the Pritchett sale in Pike county this week. Good prices were obtained for all the stock sold, the amount of which reached about \$6000.

Jim Garrett has one of the prettiest base burning wood stoves we ever saw. It is an exact reproduction of the house President Garfield died in, and is a dandy. It is not only a beauty, but is a fine heater.

The Harvesters will give one of their delightful musical entertainments at the residence of G. D. Ferris on North Washington street Friday evening next. Admission, including refreshments, 15 cents.

County Court was in session Monday. It was an adjourned term to take action on the local option petition but there is a doubt as to the constitutionality of the Wood law, no action on the matter was taken.

Lydia Glenn, aged two years and two months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Collard, died in Olathe, Kansas, Monday morning, of membranous croup. The funeral took place from the residence of J. D. Gregg, in South Mexico, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Parties who are thinking of going to California or of investing money there, should see Lee McConnell's real estate ad. in the LEDGER. Lee is well known to our readers as a reliable young man who will faithfully attend to any business entrusted to his care.

Cards for the marriage of Miss Annie Crawford, of this city, to Dr. B. F. Hill, of Bardonia, Ky., as announced in the LEDGER several days ago, are out. The wedding will take place at the Promenade Street M. E. church, Tuesday, the 12th inst.

MARTINSBURG.

A Live Little Village—Prospects Bright for a Boom in the Spring.

While in Martinsburg this week we found the people there prosperous and in the very best of spirits. The village and the farmers have bored wells and now have plenty of living water to provide against any drouth. The very best land on the face of the globe is in that part of the county, and the way in which taxes were paid the day we were there shows that the farmers are prosperous and the business men all report good trade. Quite an excitement was started there not long since by finding what was thought to be gold-bearing quartz while digging a well. This quartz is now being tested in St. Louis. One of the several coal banks near that city has been on fire for months and it looks as though it could not be put out. The society event of the season will be the wedding of Miss Crigler, one of the most accomplished and lovable daughters of a leading citizen of that city to T. B. Duncan, one of Mexico's most promising and worthy young men. We found our friend B. W. Torreyson teaching one of the very best schools in the county and enjoying the good wishes of all of his patrons.

Obituary.
Died, in St. Louis, Mo., on the 30th of Nov., 1887, George, youngest son of Wm. J. and Sallie Anderson, aged 8 years. Softly on the air is heard the footsteps of angels, and a sinless child of earth is borne on their outstretched wings to the portals of the New Jerusalem. No purer spirit ever trod the golden streets; no sweeter voice ever swelled the chorus of welcome. As, just before his death, he lay in a devoted sister's arms, he said, "Hold me closer," so now he is held in the arms of a loving Savior. Gifted with more than ordinary intellect he also combined those rare traits in childhood, manliness and gentleness. The blow has fallen on many hearts—many hearts that loved him.
"Take him softly, Holy angels,
Past the ranks of God's angels,
Put the saints and martyrs' love;
They all would have their precious blossom
Softly laid in Jesus' bosom."
St. Louis, Dec. 1, 1887. —[M.]

Prominent farmers on the line of the proposed extension of the C. B. & Q. from Hannibal to this city and the Southwest, who have talked with Col. Hayward, of Chicago, one of the projectors of the scheme, are confident that the extension will be made. They are led to believe that the new road will follow the old grade as far as this city. It is not known what point will be selected for the road to cross the Missouri river. Those interested in the road are pushing the matter closely, and some early as well as startling developments are to be looked for.

James A. Dye, the South-side grocery dealer in Vandalia, informed a LEDGER representative that since the 19th of last February he has sold 13 car loads of Wm. Pollock & Co.'s flour, and that out of the entire lot he only had one sack returned, which he used himself and found it first-class. Can the Wellsville dealer beat this? Mr. Dye believes strictly in patronizing home institutions as far as possible. He sells Weimer's cigars and Settle's baking powder, in addition to Mexico flour. Jim has a fine grocery trade and keeps his stock full and complete. He is a clever, accommodating man, and knows how to cater to the wants of his customers.

Everyone who reads a newspaper becomes familiar with the business houses whose names appear in it, and naturally they patronize them. Merchants who advertise make many friends through the columns of a newspaper, as their names become familiar as household words. Fears that Nina Van Zandt would eventually give way mentally and physically under the strain of her recent bereavement have been allayed. She purchased a new bonnet a few days ago, a sure sign that she is returning to a normal condition of mind and body.

Blackburn Bros., Geo. Daniel and James B. McDearmon, three of Vandalia's most enterprising firms, will have advertisements of their extraordinary large stocks of goods in the weekly LEDGER. Their lines of Christmas goods is larger and more complete than ever before.

Election of Officers.
There will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Mexico Mining and Manufacturing Company at 9 a. m., December 17, for the purpose of electing officers.

R. HISEY, President.
A. C. BARNES, Secretary.

Visiting A New Neighbor.
To the Editor of the Ledger:
How soon after a stranger moves into a new neighborhood is it proper to call on her?

After a fortnight.

Disgraceful Divorces.
F. F. Mounts in Versailles Statesman.

The Mexico LEDGER deplores the fact that a divorce case, evidence of which is disgraceful, should be brought into our courts for trial. We agree with the LEDGER; but remove this species of shame from our courts and what would our bald-headed men (who usually crowd into the front seats) do for amusement?

Mrs. I. Frank this morning bought of C. E. Keller, Shelbyville, Ill., the property at 319 East Promenade street for \$2000. Mrs. Frank sold to Mr. Keller a house and lot in North Mexico for \$800.

Inducements Extraordinary!

We take pleasure in announcing the fact that we have placed before the people the largest and handsomest line of OVERCOATS in all sizes and qualities ever brought to this market. Our SUITS for dress and business are equally as fine and durable. We certainly offer the best inducements in boys and children's wear.

When we say we can save you money by buying your CLOTHING and GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS we mean it, for we know we do so every day. We are at all times glad to see you. Should you need anything, and we believe you will, we can certainly suit you in style, quality and, above all, low prices.

Joe & Vic Barth,

North Side of Square.

TOYS! TOYS! HOLIDAY GOODS! NOW OPEN

Home of Santa Claus.

We have decidedly the LARGEST and FINEST line of USEFUL & ORNAMENTAL GOODS

Ever shown in the city of Vandalia,

And at Hard-Time Prices!

Everything marked in plain figures; and if we don't save you 50 per cent. we will give you back your money and throw in the goods. We mean this.

WE HAVE A LARGE LINE OF SWINGING LAMPS, And have added a splendid line of CONFECTIONERY.

It is a well-known fact that we have the LARGEST STOCK OF PURE DRUGS in Audrain county.

COME to the ONLY AGENTS of SANTA CLAUS

Before you buy your Holiday Presents. It will pay you to travel even as far as Mexico to buy from us.

C. BLACKBURN & BRO.,
—DRUGGISTS AND STATIONERS—
VANDALIA, — MISSOURI.

Of Interest to Stock Owners.
The LEDGER has had frequent inquiries as to the provisions of the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri on the subject of fences and inclosures; sufficient enclosure, when owners of stock are liable for damages, etc. By an act approved March 31, 1887, to amend Section 5852, Chapter 104 of the Revised Statutes, it is provided that "all fences shall be at least four feet high, and all fences composed of posts and rails, posts and palings, or palisades, shall be at least four and one-half feet high, with posts set firmly in the ground not more than eight feet apart, and with rails, palings, wire, boards or palisades securely fastened thereto, and placed at proper distances apart, so as to resist horses, cattle, swine and like stock; those composed of turf shall be at least four feet high, and with ditches on either side, at least three feet wide at the top and three feet deep; and what is known as a worm fence shall be at least five feet high to the top of the rider, or if not ridered shall be five feet to the top rail or pole, and shall be locked with strong rails, or poles, or stakes; those composed of stone or brick shall be at least four and one-half feet high; provided, that in counties in this State in which swine is restrained from running at large, all fences built of posts set firmly in the ground not more than sixteen feet apart, and three barbed wires tensely stretched and securely fastened thereto, and the upper wire being substantially four feet from the ground, and the two remaining wires placed at proper distances below to resist horses, cattle and like stock, and all fences built of posts and boards, with posts set firmly in the ground, not more than eight feet apart, and boards substantially one inch thick and six inches wide, securely fastened thereto, and the upper board being at least four and one-half feet high, and the remaining boards placed at proper distances below to resist horses, cattle and like stock, shall be deemed and held to be a good and lawful fence; provided, that nothing contained in this section shall be construed as to relieve any railroad company from the obligation of fencing the right of way of said company against hogs, sheep, cattle, horses and like stock. Section 5853. "If any horses, cattle or other stock shall break over or through any lawful fence, as defined in the preceding section, and by so doing obtain access to, or do trespass upon, the premises of another, the owner of such animal shall, for the first trespass, make reparation to the party injured for the true value of the damages sustained, to be recovered with costs before a justice of the peace, or in any court of competent jurisdiction, and for any subsequent trespass the party injured may put up said animal or animals and take good care of the same and immediately notify the owner, who shall pay to the taker-up the amount of the damages sustained, and such compensation as shall be reasonable for the taking up and keeping of such animals before he shall be allowed to remove the same, and if the owner and taker-up cannot agree upon the amount of damages and compensation, either party may make complaint to a justice of the peace of the township, setting forth the fact of such disagreement, and the justice shall be possessed of the cause, and shall issue a summons to the adverse party and proceed with the cause as in other civil cases. If the owner recover, he shall recover his costs and any damages he may have sustained, and the justice shall issue an order requiring the taker-up to deliver to him the animals taken up, and in addition to a general judgment and execution against such animals to pay the judgment rendered, and costs."

Joe Shirey, the horse-dealer, will ship 40 head of horses to Philadelphia this next week.

At the B. & L. meeting Monday \$400 was loaned to J. E. Thornton at \$39.50; and \$400 to Joseph Early at \$38.25 per share.

Reuben Pulis, John Roseberry, Bob Chinn, Ben Franklin and a gentleman, of Rush Hill, whose name we did not learn are on the U. S. Jury at Jefferson City.

Mr. S. E. Thomas has bought the furniture of the Ringo Hotel and has leased the building for a term of five years. Mr. Thomas will remain a citizen of Mexico.

RUSH HILL MATTERS.

Correspondence of the Ledger.
Rush Hill, Mo., Dec. 5.—J. W. Beagles, living twelve miles north of town, shipped from here Monday to Chicago three car loads of fat cattle.

Messrs. Greer and Maxwell, stock dealers here, brought over from Illinois last week two fine Jersey cows. They have made arrangements in Illinois by which anyone in this vicinity wanting Jersey cattle can be supplied through them.

Mr. John Bick has opened up in his old stand a full line of groceries, patent medicines, etc. Jesse Ridgeway, the accommodating clerk, has charge of it.

This is the third year since the Clark sisters started their private school, and, notwithstanding the failure in crops and the hard times, it is better patronized this term than any previous one. It speaks well for our little town where there is a good public school that this private school is so well sustained.

The Rush Hill Mining Company is in about the same fix as the Mexico Mining Company. All that either has is a hole in the ground. Mexico has a big law suit and our company is all peace and harmony.

The Texas fever that prevailed here during the spring and summer and caused the death of so many cattle did not fully subside till cold weather set in. We give it as the opinion of the farmers here who have lost stock by this disease that it is brought on by these Southern ticks hiding themselves in the flesh of the animal, causing the fever and poisoning the blood. They have learned that when an animal first shows signs of the disease if prompt attention is given it and the ticks destroyed the animal gets well.

The experience of farmers during the past summer with the introduction and spread of Texas fever should thoroughly alarm them and stimulate them to devise and adopt some means to prevent the future introduction of this death-dealing disease among their cattle. We notice that Ohio, Illinois and other states are moving in this matter. Is it not time that Missouri should devise means for the prevention of the introduction and spread of the disease?

Our policy is never to make an enemy; still the fear of making an enemy will not prevent us from justly criticizing the clandestine, unlawful traffic in liquor. It is not only carried on in Rush Hill, but in every little town in the county where there is a drug store. Our license law is sufficient to stop this unlawful traffic if the law was enforced. The question comes up, whose duty is it to see that the law is enforced? If a man opens a dry goods or grocery store in one of these little towns and our county authorities are informed of the fact he is notified that he must take out a merchant's license and if he fails to do so is threatened with prosecution. We know it is the privilege of anyone cognizant of the law being violated to prosecute the violator. But whose duty is it?

MEXPAH.

LADDONIA LACONICS.

Correspondence of the Ledger.

LADDONIA, Mo., Dec. 6.—Ladonia is booming; the ponds are full, the creeks are running and all are feeling nicely since the rain.

The fears of scarcity of water during the winter have all been washed away, and we feel that plenty of water has been given us without money and without price, for which everyone feels thankful.

Luther Benson spoke here last Thursday and Friday night to crowded houses. Everybody was well pleased with his lectures, and we think he did much good to the community. He is one of the best lecturers we have ever had here, and carried with him the good wishes of the Laddonians for his success.

The public school is progressing finely under the management of its excellent teachers, and they are giving perfect satisfaction. Miss Maggie Torreyson was quite sick last week, but is teaching now.

Miss Kate Clark, who is at her grandfather's in Martinsburg, is quite sick.

Mrs. Jane Beal attended the M. E. Conference in Mexico last week. The Christian Aid Society is preparing for a sacred concert to be given during Christmas week. The M. E. Church is also talking up an entertainment to be given at their church. The Baptist church is to be improved by a new carpet.

Weddings costumes are being ordered and we presume December will have its full quota of marriages.

Small social parties are being held throughout the town. On Wednesday night one will be given in honor of Harry Robert's birthday at the residence of Mr. John Rannels.

The merchants are filling up Santa Claus' pockets on the fly.

ANNIE LAURIE.

Married, November 24, near Ladonia, Wm. B. Scott and Miss Mary Woodward by Rev. J. S. Jesse.

The LEDGER in the future will contain a full market report corrected by Easter & Mason, grocers.

Everett Byrns, the 11-month old son of Geo. Byrns, 4 miles west of Mexico, died Tuesday.

Tom Yates has a cow which had a calf March 1st and one again November 15. Both are alive and doing well.

Preparing for the Holidays!

WITH ALL KINDS OF NEW GOODS!

Which we will tell you all about through the Ledger in due time.

M. BLUM & CO.



DRY GOODS, &c.

Old Kris Kringle's Headquarters

FOR LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S

Elegant Dress Goods, Fine Shoes and all kinds Notions

DIAMONDS.

Watches and Diamonds Found in Tea and Coffee—A Novel Way of Introducing Goods.

The names of all persons finding diamonds, watches, etc., are added to this list daily. The Diamond Tea Company of New York, has rented the first door north of the post-office in the Hardin block, and in order to introduce their goods, this company put for thirty days souvenirs in every can of tea or coffee sold, such as solid gold, silver and nickel watches; also genuine diamonds in solid gold settings; also money and many other valuable articles of less value. Every can contains a souvenir. The coffee can and contents weigh about three pounds, the tea can and contents about one and one-half pounds. This expensive and novel way of advertising will be discontinued after thirty days, and these really choice goods will be sold strictly on their merits, the same price and quantity, but without the souvenir. Of course every purchaser must not expect to get a diamond or a watch. This company claim that they have just as good a right to give away watches, diamonds, or other jewelry and money as their other competitors have to give away glassware, chromos etc. Get up a club. Those who get up a club order always get a handsome present. Orders by mail promptly forwarded to all parts of the United States or receipt of cash or post-office order. Terms: Single can \$1; six for \$5; thirteen for \$10; and twenty-seven for \$20. Address, Diamond Tea Company, Mexico, Mo.

B. F. Orear, genuine diamond ring; S. Crawford, genuine diamond ring; Fannie Howe, genuine diamond ring; Thomas Gibson, genuine diamond ring; J. D. Neeley, genuine diamond ring; Mrs. J. J. Rannels, genuine diamond ring; Sarah Leonard, solid gold watch.

Mason Creasey, solid gold stem winding watch; J. A. Dollard, genuine diamond ring; C. Ashbury, genuine diamond ring; Geo. P. Smith, watch and chain; P. Uzell, genuine diamond ring.

A. B. Daniel, Jr., genuine diamond ring; Miss Gerty Macomber, \$5 in gold in tea; Mason Creasey, genuine diamond ring; R. P. Tomey, solid gold watch.

Mrs. Elizabeth Miles, set of silver spoons; James Brooks, stem winding silver watch; B. Whaley, set of silver spoons; Lew Wilson, gents diamond stud, set in solid gold.

Miss C. LeFaire, solid gold ring; R. P. Rose, gents solid gold watch; A. H. Boyd, p. m., genuine diamond ring; Wm. Bates, stem winding watch and chain; G. H. Jackson, (country) \$20 in gold, in tea.

Jennie Cathcart, solid gold ring; R. P. Tomey, gents' stem-winding watch; R. S. Carver, genuine diamond ring; Miss Eva Revere, solid gold watch; T. C. Rogers, genuine diamond ear drops.

Mrs. John Harrison, (Slater) received by mail order genuine diamond ring, valued at \$10; Mrs. Edith Carpenter, (country) solid gold watch; Ike Smith, solid silver watch, valued at \$30.

C. D. Bruce, genuine diamond ring; J. E. Green, set silver spoons; J. W. Wilson, genuine diamond ring; Miss Ida Henica, solid gold watch in tea; W. H. Perry, genuine diamond ring; Mrs. A. Knoff, genuine diamond ring; R. F. Tolson, genuine diamond ring; R. T. Munson, mason, \$20 in gold in tea; David Trimble, \$1.00; Miss Hattie Rollins (Ringo House) set gold ear-drops; Jennie McKinley, gold ring.

Mrs. James Clacher, genuine diamond ring; C. P. Munson, (country) solid gold Waltham watch; Nannie Dye, solid gold ring; Miss Emma Holmes, genuine diamond ring, valued at \$25; W. Forest, set silver spoons; R. F. Cummings, (Columbia) \$5 in gold in tea; Miss May Owens, gold ring; C. Y. Trice, genuine diamond ring.

DISCONTINUANCE OF AUCTION SALE!

On account of the small space in my store I have discontinued the auction sale, but

Will Sell Goods at Manufacturer's Prices.

I have yet in stock many very attractive articles

At Astoundingly Low Prices!

I especially call your attention to my very

Large Stock Diamond Rings,

—AND—

Ladies' Fine Watches,

At prices from \$15 to \$25 less than regular retail price.

Having determined to retire from the jewelry business, I desire to CLOSE OUT

The Entire Large Stock and Fixtures!

You can get rare bargains! Purchase your HOLIDAY GOODS now and save money. Every article guaranteed as represented.

Thanking you, one and all, for your liberal patronage in the past, and "With malice toward none and charity for all," I remain, Yours Truly,

MARK PILCHER,
South Side Public Square, Mexico, Mo.

MUST BE CLOSED OUT!

In 60 Days!

\$3500 WORTH

—OF—

Staple and Fancy Dry Goods!

NOTIONS,

BOOTS AND SHOES!

And everything usually kept in a first-class house.

Full Line Rubber Goods

These goods MUST be sold. Purchasers will find our prices to suit them.

Geo. Frank & Co.

AT PEASE'S OLD STAND.

Opposite the Post-Office, Mexico, Mo.

People's Favorites.

Mayor Francis can stand all the opposition aroused in the Municipal Assembly by his vetoes of bills increasing the salaries of officials, or giving franchises to corporations for nothing, or closing up public thoroughfares for private benefit. The Municipal Assembly may be against him, but the people are with him in such legitimate exercise of his powers.

Great bargains at G. Kabrich & Co.'s, in all kind of dry goods for the next 30 days. 34 d & w 21

Go to G. Kabrich & Co., if you want the finest line of dress goods in Mexico.

John M. Hamilton, of Huntsville, and Miss Susie Maupin, of Benick, were married at the latter place yesterday by Eld. Mumpow, of this city.

McCONNELL, Bandholt & Merwin,

REAL ESTATE AGENTS,

No. 230 North Main Street, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA